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Kitty the Squaw and out of that report we gleaned these few paragraphs that if this recommendation of this report is adopted by Congressor by the President it's going to have a terrific impact on the future of Nebraska. Let me refer to you several of the paragraphs included in this report. They say in the report by the year 2000 consumptive use of water for agriculture shall be less than now. Number two, they point out that Nebraska projects no longer, that water projects are no longer a major determinate in increasing economic activity and employment opportunities. Number three, they say in their report that subsidation of new irrigation projects shall be discontinued. The whole report in this section goes on to virtually say that the federal government will pullout of all bureau projects; the building of dams, the futher development of resources and so on. They point out that we will need less beef by the year 2000 than we are consuming today. They point out that we will need to drop at least 9,000,000 acres of irrigated land out of the 17 midwestern states. Now see what this is going to do to Nebraska? Therefore, I have drawn this resolution that says in the resolution itself "Be it resolved by the members of the 83rd Legislature of Nebraska first session that the Legislature commends the National Water Commission for it's time and energy devoted to the preparation of such an extensive report, But it cautions the commission to carfully reconsider their work. They being certain that each statement is proper and leads to a valid conclusion based upon fact so that the Commissions ultimate recommendations are the best possible, and the commission's final report may become a foundation for proper natural resource development nationally. NOW we learn this, that the person that had the responsibility of writing this section of the report came from a neighboring state of Iowa and they are determined that they are going to use some of the acres that are not being used for production now and they do not want futher development in the midwestern states of which Nebraska is a part. We are much disturbed about this. The Governor is keenly interested. He has delegated Bill Williamson of the Water Resources Commission to attend this weeks hearing in Seattle Washington. We felt that it was necessary that the Legislature, through a resolution support his attendance at that hearing taking a position contrary to this report. Therefore, it's necessary that we take action on this resolution today in order that Dale can have it in his hands. He will be leaving either tomorrow or Wednesday. I think that I should move that we suspend the rules and revote on this action this morning. I move that we suspend the rules and vote on the resolution. (Senator Cramer, speaker above )

SPEAKER: Senator Kremer has asked that the rules be suspended in order to vote on resolution - I forget the number, was that number three Senator Cramer? Senator was it resolution number three? Thank you. Question is "Shall the rules be suspended and the vote be taken on resolution number three. The chair recognizes Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Take resolutions two and four which are Senator Mareshs' .

SPEAKER: I'm sorry the chair didn't hear your question. Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: I wonder if Senator Kremer would object to including resolution number two and number four which is Senator Mareshs' and mine, at the same time. Vote and talk on them-vote on them.

SPEAKER: Senator do you wish to respond?

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman I would object, not because I'm opposed' to the resolution but I think that we should take them one at a time and each stand on their own merit.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes?

SENATOR KEYES: I don't think Senator Kremer understood what I meant. I meant suspend the rules and take up these three-each one individually - not all at one time.

SPEAKER: Just so we don't have to suspend the rules all at one time. Senator Kremer do you want to amend your motion to include those resolutions while we are suspending the rules?